

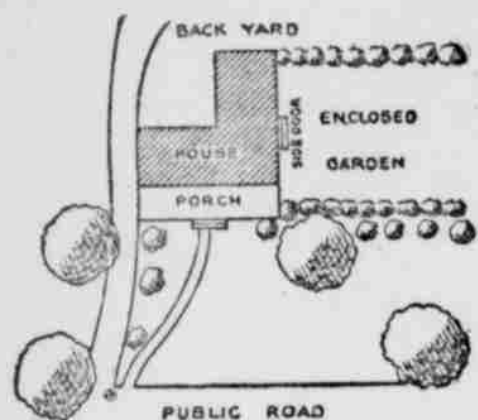


## MAKE FARM HOMES TASTEFUL

Practical Suggestions for Beautifying Country Residences in Any Locality.

Farming differs from every other sort of business in this, that the farm is not merely a factory and a place of business, but it is the home of the family, writes Prof. F. A. Waugh, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, in Orange Judd Farmer. The importance of the farm as the home establishment is much greater than its importance as a place of business; and this makes it imperative that the place should be supplied with every available comfort and made attractive with every sort of beauty which substantial good taste can suggest.

The ordinary schemes of landscape gardening are not very suitable to the common farm. This is largely because the ambitious landscape gardeners do not sufficiently consider the use of the farm as a factory and a place of business. The best that can be done in most cases is for the farmer, his wife and other advisers, to develop the grounds to the best of their own judgment and in the light of actual requirements. A few suggestions from the standpoint of a landscape



Suggestions for a Farmyard.

gardener, who is at the same time himself a farmer, may be of some assistance in this direction.

Simplicity is the keynote of good taste in everything. Therefore, let the design of the farm grounds be very simple. Do not try anything elaborate. Do not make the place look cluttered.

Have a good lawn. Nothing is more tasteful and satisfactory than good, clean, green grass. Even if the lawn is not very large and not elaborately graded, it will still be the most attractive part of the place. Have a few good trees. Nothing is more attractive about a farmhouse, with the possible exception of lawn grass, than large, dignified, noble trees.

For shrubs and other ornamental plants, use native species. The common native shrubs and plants are among the best of all ornamental materials.

If flower beds are desired, put them at the side or rear of the house, preferably in connection with the vegetable garden. Flower beds are usually a nuisance on the front lawn, and nearly always inappropriate about a farmyard.

Keep the front yard separate from the back yard. Everyone will readily remember a great many farms where this simple injunction is highly disregarded. It is not unusual to find a milk wagon or a chicken coop or hay rack left in the front yard of a farmhouse. Such things do not belong there.

Have some space about the house so arranged that it can be used for living and playing. We do not live out of doors as much in this country as we ought to. This statement applies even to farm families. A suitably built open porch, paved court, or clean grass plat, makes a delightful place for serving meals. Very often it is pleasant to eat out of doors than in the house; and if definite plans are made, this is much easier than might be supposed. There should also be room in the garden for playing croquet, a secluded and shady spot where one can sit down to read or sew; and if the women of the house wish to give a party on the lawn, there should be every opportunity for it.

Keep the place clean and tidy. This is final evidence of good taste and an absolutely necessary condition in every circumstance.

### Value of Manure.

Keep hauling manure out on the land as fast as it is made. It is of as much value to put it on the plowed ground as it is to plow it under. Harrowed well into the surface, it not only furnishes ready plant food, but serves as a mulch for holding moisture in dry weather. It may be scattered on corn ground to advantage all through the corn growing season as long as the wagon can be hauled down the corn rows. Cultivation will spread it and mix it with the soil and rains will dissolve out the richness and carry into the roots of the corn.

### Rural Telephone a Success.

The rural telephone has come to be a practical farm utility, often paying for itself ten times over in one year. Man has long been trying to overcome time and space, and he has practically accomplished the result by the use of the telephone. Life in the country is not so slow with a telephone in your house and in the house of every neighbor.

## HOW TO MAKE A WAGON JACK.

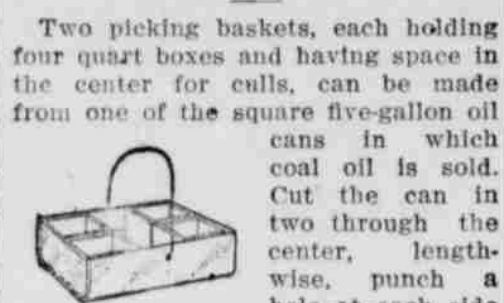
Illustration and Directions for Constructing One That Will Be Useful to Any Farmer.



The base for this wagon jack is 12 feet long, being made of a piece of plank. The standards are 22 inches long, fastened to a 2x4, which is mortised into the plank between the standards. The handle is about four feet long. A piece of 1/4-inch rod is bent so as to loop over the notches cut in the lever. When the handle is holding a load this loop drops into one of the notches and holds it firm. The handle will be found satisfactory if made of a strong six-inch board.

## HANDY BERRY-PICKING CRATE

Two Baskets, Each Containing Four Quart Boxes, Can Be Made from Five-Gallon Oil Can.



Two picking baskets, each holding four quart boxes and having space in the center for culls, can be made from one of the square five-gallon oil cans in which coal oil is sold. Cut the can in two through the center, lengthwise, punch a hole at each side and put in a wire for a handle. After the four quart boxes are placed in the corners considerable space is left in the center into which all small, inferior berries can be put, thus grading the fruit as picked. After the boxes are lifted out the small fruit is quickly poured into some receptacle provided for it, for use in making jam or to be sold as seconds.

## SWEEP FOR HAULING IN HAY.

One Can Be Made of a Few Pieces of Lumber That Will Carry a Large Load to Stack.



Use one piece 4x4 lumber 12 feet long and six pieces of 2x4, 7 feet long in making the sweep shown in the accompanying illustration. Five of these 2x4 pieces should be sharpened at one end so as to slide through the hay. They are fitted into places sawed into the piece of 4x4 about three-fourths inch deep and 18 inches apart, and there securely bolted. The pieces of 2x4 should be fastened to the 4x4 about 5 feet from the pointed ends. The other 2x4 should be nailed on behind as indicated. The ends of the piece of 4x4 may be rounded off so as to hold a rope without slipping off.

A large load may be brought to the stack in this way, saving much time and labor.

## CULTURE OF THE CABBAGE.

Should Be Planted on New Ground to Avoid Maggot Pest; How to Set Out.

Although it does not follow that planting on new ground will secure exemption from cabbage maggot attack, yet such is the tendency, and hence it will be well to plant or sow this crop as far as possible from any field infested the previous season. The adult flies do not travel far under normal conditions, and if they find shelter near their place of hatching are likely to hang around that place, and they will accept any substitute wild plant rather than fly to distant points hunting for cultivated plants.

The farther the plants are grown from previously infested areas the more apt they will be to remain free from attack, as a rule, and yet even in new ground, especially near a woods or in a sheltered situation, they sometimes become more or less infested. It is probable that in such cases there are wild cruciferous plants in the neighborhood in which the insects have been breeding or sheltered in which the flies have hibernated, and it further emphasizes that no matter where the crop is grown a close watch should be kept for the insect, and when once noted active measures should be begun at once. Likewise, avoid planting such crops on ground infested the previous season and follow such infested plots with some other cruciferous plants.

When cabbage and cauliflower plants are set out the soil should be tightly pressed around the stem of the plant at the surface, and the soil itself should be pressed down smooth, flat and firmly. The newly hatched maggot is feeble, and if it fails to get under cover promptly it is killed by the sun or falls victim to some of the prowling predatory insects continually on the lookout for food. On heavy soils this in itself affords a large measure of protection, and plants on such soils are not so much attacked. On lighter sandy soils it will be less useful, but will add to the difficulties of the maggot in establishing himself.

### Make Permanent Improvements.

Every farmer should aim at permanent improvements. There is no structural or building material equal to concrete for plasticity, beauty and durability. Furthermore, it is exceedingly cheap, considering its lasting qualities. There is no end to the useful things for which it may be used. You can, and during every spare day you can, and during spare time of late summer and fall buy good cement and build something that, like the pyramids, will stand for all time.

## WONDERFUL.

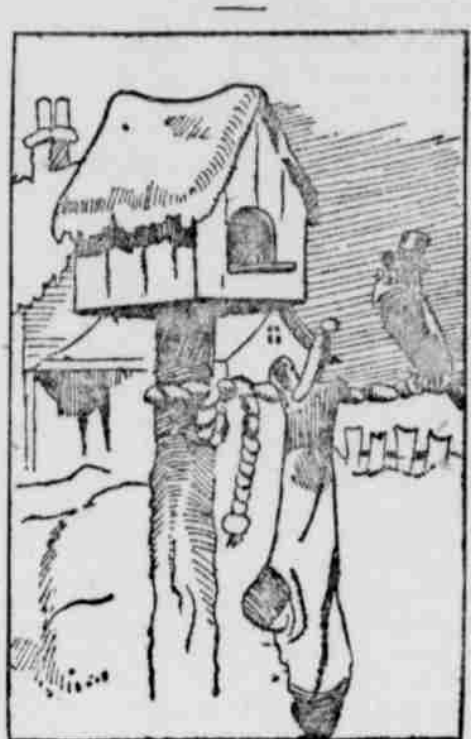


Norah, fresh from old Ireland, stared at the baby's toy balloon, which hovered at a place two or three feet higher than her head, and was anchored to the back of a chair. "Tis quare and wonderful entirely," she said, raising her hands, "to see it up and balancin' its own self and it sthandin' on a string."

### Good Idea.

What a lot of time we would save if we could forget what others might say—but never do say.

## HOPEFUL.



Billy Sparrow—Gee! I hope they'll leave this stocking on the line till after Christmas. Santy will think it's mine and fill it full of good things, too, be.

A Misapprehension. The agent for the building was showing the prospective tenant over the premises. "These," he remarked, "are unusually light of fees." "Indeed," said the prospective tenant. "Too bad. I prefer usually light ones."

## SHE MINDED.



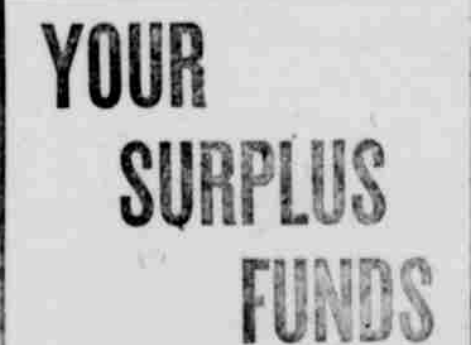
"Did you peel your apple before eating it, Dolly?" "Yes, mother." "But where have you put the peel, dear?" "Oh, I ate it first."

### Worth Thinking Over.

I wonder if we all coddle ourselves too much, eat too much, think about health too much.—London Truth.

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—Susan Coolidge.

### The Children's Breakfast.

The deplorable fact that thousands of children in our public schools come there day after day without proper breakfasts, is indisputable. The extreme poor are in a measure pardonable; but what of the hundreds of careless mothers who do not realize what a proper diet for a child should be? A child sent off to school after a breakfast of a cup of coffee and often a baker's bun, is not prepared to cope with his lessons or is not supplied with food to furnish physical energy. A dish of good breakfast food with milk or thin cream, some stewed fruit or fresh, a slice or two of well prepared toast, with an egg when the breakfast food is of a light variety, a cup of milk or cocoa, makes a good breakfast for a hearty, growing child. A good rule with some children who refuse to eat, is to refuse to let them go to school on the days they cannot eat.

Rice with cream and sugar makes a delightful breakfast dish. Baked apples with cream, stewed prunes or any dried fruit is always wholesome. In cold weather the breakfasts are heartier; an occasional chop with creamed potatoes. As a rule, however, meat once a day is amply sufficient. If hot cakes are enjoyed there are none that quite take the place of the crispy brown waffle. It is much more easily digested than the ordinary griddle cake.

Another evil to be avoided with a child's breakfast, is hurry. Let the meal be eaten without haste, so that it may be properly digested.

A hurried, nervous child is almost sure to have indigestion. The mother who does not care enough about the feeding of her child to get up in time to see that it is properly done, who cares more for the card table and the theater than she does for the physical welfare of her children, ought to be visited by a humane agent.

*Nellie Maxwell.*

### Dreams of Great Reformers.

Christ may be reckoned among dreamers. His vision swept down the vista of the centuries and saw triumphant the religion he came on earth to establish. The great religious reformers had their dreams—Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Knox, looked down the perspective of the years.

### The Cat Came Down.

In the suburbs of Raleigh, N. C., a cat climbed a tree and became frightened and would not descend again. A boy went up to bring her down and fell and broke an arm. A second boy then went up, and he fell and broke a leg. A third tried it on and fell and broke three ribs. Then the cat came down and ran away.

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### Sis and Her Brother.

"Is your young man from Pittsburg, sis?" inquired her irrepressible brother.

The sweet girl eyed him coldly. "Why do you ask such an utterly silly question?" she demanded.

The youngster chuckled. "Oh, I just noticed a sooty smudge on your nose," he coarsely explained.

### The Crescent.

The crescent was a symbol of sovereignty among the ancient Romans and Greeks. During a siege of Constantinople, 340 B. C., by Philip, the father of Alexander the Great, the Greeks were saved by the light of the moon, then in crescent, which revealed the danger of a night attack. The crescent thereafter was the symbol of their city.

### A Frank Estimate.

To many persons who are not actors the stage seems a delightful and fascinating place. In a book called "The Actress" Louise Closser Hale, herself an actress, tells some of her experiences with girls who envy her profession. One day one of them, found behind a counter in a shop, said, "I should have went on the stage."

"She evidently wanted to talk, and I strove to be interested," says Miss Hale.

"But see how tired I am," I said to her. "I have to work very hard as it is, and I had to work much harder to gain what little recognition I have had."

"Oh, yes," she responded, complacently gazing at herself in a mirror. "But, you see, I have talent."—Youth's Companion.